

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the present application, with claims 1 and 10 being written in independent form. Claim 11 has been amended for grammatical reasons. Non-elected claims 12-15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement and requested that Applicants elect one of two identified groups of claims for prosecution in connection with the present application. The three groups of claims are as follows:

- Group I: including claims 1-11, drawn to a force sensor;
- Group II: including claims 12-13, drawn to a method of manufacturing a force sensor; or
- Group III: including claims 14-15, drawn to a nanoindentation sample.

Election

Applicants respectfully elect Group I, including claims 1-11, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims during the pendency of this application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of all of the pending claims in the present application.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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